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## Lawyer: Ricky's dad still key to trial

But, citing his inconsistencies, defense assails Tim Holland

By Kevin Grasha  
Lansing State Journal

### What's next

- Lisa Holland's murder trial continues today before Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfield. Lisa Holland's husband, Tim, is expected to complete his testimony.

When Tim Holland took the stand last week in his wife's murder trial, he admitted lying to police, to prosecutors and even to his mother.

But despite credibility issues, Tim Holland remains the key figure for the prosecution.

That's because he provides a window into 7-year-old Ricky Holland's final days and hours, during which it appears the boy slowly died from a head wound, said a former prosecutor.

"He is the only person who can tell the jury what was going on within the four walls of that home," former Ingham County Prosecutor Don Martin said Monday.

Defense attorneys have constantly attacked Tim Holland, pointing out the inconsistencies in his statements to investigators.

While prosecutors in the case have not talked about their strategy, Martin said they likely believe Tim Holland's unique perspective outweighs his shortcomings as a witness.

The Williamston man has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is testifying against his wife, Lisa Holland, who is charged with murder and child abuse in the July 2005 death of their adopted son. The trial is in its fifth week.

Last week, Tim Holland - clean-shaven, hair combed neatly and dressed in a suit and tie - openly admitted his false claims.

"It was easier to lie than to tell the truth," he said.

### Evolving story

Tim Holland's story has continued to evolve, even weeks after testimony began Sept. 18.

In a late-September interview with investigators, he apparently provided information that led Assistant Prosecutor Mike Ferency to announce Oct. 5 that a forensic pathologist would update Ricky's cause of death.

The pathologist, Dr. Joyce deJong of Sparrow Hospital, is expected to testify sometime this week.

### **Continuing investigation**

Martin said it is unusual for the cause of death to change after a trial begins. But, he added, a good investigation never stops.

"They have to keep the doors open to anything and everything that might explain what happened to young Ricky," said Martin, now a private attorney who handles criminal defense and domestic relations cases.

Tim Holland's attorney, Frank Reynolds, could not be reached for comment Monday. He has said his client's knowledge of what happened to Ricky has weighed very heavily on him and that talking about it has been cathartic.

### **Dad admits lying**

According to court testimony, Ricky died several days after Lisa Holland hit him twice in the head with a hammer. A week passed without the boy receiving medical attention.

Tim Holland has admitted lying to investigators when he told them his wife pulled Ricky out of the boy's bedroom and struck him in the head, leaving him in a pool of blood. He said last week he invented that incident.

Tim Holland also admitted lying to his adoptive mother Feb. 7 when he told her Lisa attacked Ricky because Tim wanted the boy to stay at her house for a few weeks.

"She just went nuts," he told Arcie Holland in the conversation recorded at the Ingham County Jail.

He also told his mother that Ricky's younger brother might have witnessed the incident. But that, too, was a lie, Tim said.

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## Husband gives more gruesome details about dead son's life

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**By DAVID EGGERT**  
**The Associated Press**

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Tim Holland on Tuesday gave more gruesome details about his wife's treatment of their dead 7-year-old adopted son and tried to persuade jurors why they should believe him after the lies he has told in the past.

"I'm standing before you today to take responsibility," a tearful Tim Holland testified. "I want to come out into the light. ... I stood by and did nothing while my son was abused and now I'm going to prison for it."

Tim Holland's wife, Lisa, is on trial for felony murder in the 2005 death of Ricky Holland. Tim Holland has accused Lisa of abusing and later killing Ricky.

On Tuesday, he told of a family trip to SeaWorld in Florida. He said he never wanted to go back to Florida because Lisa said she wanted to "feed Ricky to the alligators or rent a boat and drop him in the ocean."

Tim Holland, 37, has testified that he returned home from a quick errand July 1, 2005, to find Ricky dead in the boy's bed and his wife screaming she "didn't mean to do it." He said his 33-year-old wife later told him that she had hit Ricky with a hammer.

Tim Holland, who led authorities to Ricky's body, said he disposed of the remains.

He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last month in exchange for testifying against his wife.

Tim Holland's testimony concluded Tuesday, and prosecutors next planned to call forensic experts.

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## **More letters to the editor**

### **We're all to blame**

The welfare of our most vulnerable citizens is big business. Our children, our disabled and our elderly are often betrayed by the illusion of their protection by this business.

The flaws in the system aren't necessarily by design, but by permission. As tax payers, we share the responsibility for the Ricky Hollands of the world when we fail to understand the importance of philosophically and financially supporting such programs and services, especially when we vote.

We allow a broken business to keep on rolling along, seldom taking note of our own accountability for its dysfunction. Those of us who have worked providing services understand the enormous frustrations of massive case loads, complicated by the vast human need and the limited resources.

I guess that when we start blaming everyone under the sun, we need to remember that real change begins with ourselves.

Donna Rose  
East Lansing



## Man arraigned after alleged sex with girl, 13

**SWARTZ CREEK**

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**By Kim Crawford**

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SWARTZ CREEK - A 36-year-old Redford man was arraigned Sunday on a first-degree criminal sexual conduct charge and faces a hearing later this month.

Eric C. Garland, arrested Wednesday night after he was caught in an alleged sex act with a 13-year-old girl in Elms Road Park, was arraigned in the Genesee County Jail by Davison District Judge John L. Conover.

Swartz Creek Police Chief Rick Clolinger said Garland was a friend of the girl's mother's and was supposedly "counseling" the teen. Clolinger also said law enforcement authorities in Wayne County have seized Garland's personal computer as part of a criminal investigation there.

Conover ordered Garland held without bond, and he is scheduled to face a preliminary examination before Fenton District Judge Mark McCabe in Central District Court in Flint on Oct. 25.

- Kim Crawford

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## Amber Alert Issued For Baby After Social Worker Slain

### Governor Orders Flags Lowered To Half-Staff

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**HENDERSON, Ky.** -- A Kentucky social worker is dead, and authorities have issued an Amber Alert for a baby boy who was in state custody.

Police said the social worker had taken the developmentally disabled 10-month-old baby to his mother's house for a visit. Officers were called when the woman didn't return to work.

The 67-year-old woman later was found dead of what investigators call a "violent attack." And the baby's mother and her boyfriend are missing. The social worker, Boni Frederick of Morganfield, Ky., worked for the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff in memory of Frederick.

"The first lady and I extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and co-workers of Boni Frederick, a social service worker who died tragically Monday in the line of duty," said Fletcher. "Ms. Frederick worked as a public servant for 15 years looking out for the best interest of Kentucky's children and families, and we honor her dedication to her work. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has been touched by this tragedy."

Police have issued an Amber Alert for the boy -- Saige Terrell -- and said he may be with his mother, 33-year-old Renee Terrell and her boyfriend, 23-year-old Christopher Wayne Luttrell.

Police said Terrell has family in Evansville and Fort Wayne, Ind.; in Louisville, Ky.; and in New York.

The social worker's car is missing and police believe Terrell, Luttrell and the boy may be traveling in it. It's described as a 2000 white Daewoo Nubia station wagon with Kentucky license plate 675-DRV.

Renee Terrell is described as white with brown hair and brown eyes. She is 5 feet 5 inches and weighs 240 pounds. Police said she also wears glasses.

Christopher Wayne Luttrell is white with blue eyes, is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds with tattoos on his arms.

Saige Terrell is white with brown eyes and brown hair, is 2 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 19 pounds.

Police said the boy is developmentally disabled and has a scratch on the right side of his face and a rug burn on the back of his neck.

Police asked anyone with information to call 888-58-AMBER, or 911.

For more information, log on to [KentuckyAmberAlert.com](http://KentuckyAmberAlert.com).

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Michigan Report

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## **GRANHOLM: PAROLEES, CHILD ABUSE DOWN; DEVOS: MISMANAGEMENT**

With her Republican opponent stepping up attacks on her management of crime and child protection issues, Governor Jennifer Granholm's administration said statistics show that fewer parolees are being released since she took office and fewer incidents of overall child abuse are taking place in foster care placements.

Tragedies have still occurred, which the administration takes seriously and acts on, press secretary Liz Boyd said in a teleconference press conference, but it is untrue to say the administration has failed to act to rectify problems.

But in a statement, John Truscott, spokesperson for Republican challenger Dick DeVos, said the governor has mismanaged police and safety issues overall. While the state has helped hold the line on prison populations, for example, "innocent people have had to pay the price."

In recent weeks, Mr. DeVos has raised charges that Ms. Granholm bears at least part of the responsibility for the death of Ricky Holland, a seven-year old foster care child who was allegedly murdered by his adoptive parents, and the murders caused by Patrick Selepak and Daniel Franklin who were paroled in error.

Ms. Boyd said that the error that led to Mr. Franklin's release was originally caused by coding errors that took place during the administration of former Governor John Engler. Administrative problems allowed Mr. Selepak to go free when he should have been reimprisoned, she acknowledged, but in each case the administration has taken action to change procedures and discipline staff where needed.

Since Ms. Granholm took office, fewer potentially dangerous prisoners have been paroled, she said. The high for individuals paroled came in 1998, she said. Just since Ms. Granholm took office, 4 percent fewer prisoners were paroled in 2004 and 9 percent fewer in 2005.

In addition, fewer sex offenders are being released, she said. In 1996, as many as 27 percent of sex offenders were paroled, Ms. Boyd said, and since 2003 the number has been less than half that.

Ms. Boyd also said the administration has stepped up efforts to catch and jail probation violators.

The state also ranks well compared to national statistics on foster care issues, she said. Nationally 8.6 percent of former foster care children end up back in the system, in Michigan it's 2.54 percent, Ms. Boyd said. Incidents of repeated maltreatment of children average 6.1 percent nationally and 4.58 percent in Michigan, she said. And



incidents of abuse and neglect in foster care average .57 percent of all children nationally, she said, but just .19 percent in Michigan.

Still, Mr. Truscott said Ms. Granholm continues to take credit for programs that Republicans originated.

And while Ms. Granholm has taken credit for keeping the state's prison population down there has been an increase in violent crime in the state which is directly linked to that prison population, Mr. Truscott said.

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**DECISION 2006****Debates end with final jabs**

With 22 days left, Granholm, DeVos tell voters they couldn't be more different.

**Charlie Cain and Mark Hornbeck / Detroit News Lansing Bureau**

**SOUTHFIELD** -- Gov. Jennifer Granholm picked the third and final televised debate Monday night to make crystal clear the differences between herself and Republican Dick DeVos.

"He's a yachtsman. He believes every man for himself," Granholm said. "I am captain of this ship of state, and I will bring this ship into port. My philosophy is all hands on deck."

DeVos, former president of Amway parent Alticor, countered that he's an experienced businessman who knows how to right Michigan's flailing economy and how to create the kind of environment that will lure manufacturers to the state.

"This governor has never had to work in a business, she's never had to sign the front side of a paycheck," DeVos said, adding that's why Michigan "starts from behind" in the fight to attract business.

Among the contrasts between the two, as they slugged it out in their last face-to-face meeting:

She supports abortion rights; he opposes abortion even in cases of rape and incest, he said.

She supports embryonic stem cell research; he does not. She's four-square behind public education; he backed a voucher plan.

She supports universal health care; he says the best health care plan is to get a job, she added.

Granholm opened the hourlong match-up at WXYZ-TV in Southfield by slamming DeVos for blaming her administration, in debates and campaign posters, for high-profile crimes in the past four years -- including the deaths of children. Among them is 7-year-old Ricky Holland, whose adoptive parents are on trial in his death.

"Mr. DeVos, if you have a beef with me, bring it on, I can take it. Use my name. But let's leave the names of deceased children out of this," Granholm said. "But if you're determined to pick a fight, I hope you pick on someone your own size."

DeVos did not respond to that challenge during the debate, but said afterward that some of these children who died were the responsibility of the state, and it was the fault of the administration that they lost their lives.

"They deserve the dignity to have their names mentioned," he said.

The candidates also locked horns over the dumping of foreign garbage in Michigan. While DeVos said he opposes foreign dumping, he opposes increasing dumping fees because they would cost all Michiganians more; Granholm said she would favor higher garbage fees as a way to discourage dumping.

**Both sides hammer attacks**

DeVos repeatedly charged that Granholm has made plenty of promises but produced precious few results.

"It's been four years. This governor has let the people down," he said, rattling off a raft of statistics highlighting Michigan's economic woes, a decline in public safety, increases in dropout rates and falling student test scores.

"This governor has failed the people of Michigan on every count. The governor has failed to protect Michigan, yet she has asked Michigan to protect her job."

Granholm again and again asked DeVos how Michigan could afford his plan to cut business taxes by at least \$1 billion, a question he never directly answered.

"If he leaves a \$1 billion hole in state government, it will hurt citizens, it will hurt public safety, it will hurt public education, it will hurt things that we value like our quality of life," she said.

DeVos didn't respond during the debate, but commented later: "I've already identified there are multiple ways we get the resources in this state."

The governor also criticized DeVos for incorporating an Amway subsidiary in Bermuda to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

Company spokesman Rob Zeiger said Amway brought several foreign companies together under one umbrella in 1993, but all were offshore, and it "did not save Amway a dime in taxes or send a job anywhere." The holding company was eliminated in 2001, he said.

**Viewers disagree on winner**

The audience at the town hall-type forum comprised 35 undecided, independent voters, who were permitted to ask a few questions.

A group of nine voters watched the debate in a separate room at the TV studio. One was David Oliwek, a Franklin businessman, who thought DeVos won the debate.

"He answered questions more directly," Oliwek said.

But Bryan Zeitlin, a first-year Eastern Michigan University student from Ann Arbor, said Granholm was the winner. "I don't think DeVos actually answered anything," he said. "DeVos sounds like a CEO."

With the election three weeks off, DeVos needed a win in this third and final televised gubernatorial debate. A Detroit News/WXYZ-TV poll taken last week had Granholm leading him 51 percent to 42 percent.

**Candidates get message out**

Among the political pros, public relations man Robert Kolt of Lansing found the governor "much more credible."

"She seemed to connect with the audience and was knowledgeable, trustworthy and more charismatic. She talked to the audience and seemed to care about them," said Kolt, who has worked for Democrats but has been critical of Granholm.

Bill Nowling, a Republican strategist with the Sterling Corp., a Lansing-based strategic communications and campaign consulting firm, saw it differently.

"This was the Dick DeVos Michigan has been waiting to see and hear: confident, in command and willing to fight for his ideas," Nowling said.

Central Michigan University political science professor Christopher T. Owens said this was "clearly DeVos' best showing of the three debates."

"However, because a number of Michigan voters have already made up their minds, it may be too little, too late," he said.

William R. Rustem, president and CEO of the nonpartisan think tank Public Sector Consultants and former aide to a Republican administration, said both candidates "did a good job of appealing to their base and at getting the most important messages of their respective campaigns out.

"Anyone who says that there aren't enough specifics being mentioned by either candidate is just dead wrong. Both candidates had a command of the issues and both were able to effectively articulate their message."

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## Delays Hold Up Flu Vaccine For Kids

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**CHICAGO --** The maker of flu shots for children 3 and under said Monday that most of this year's U.S. supply will be delayed for a least a month because it is taking longer than expected to produce the vaccine, a development that worries some doctors.

Sanofi Pasteur, the sole manufacturer of FluZone, the injected flu vaccine for children, said some health care providers will not receive their full allotment until late November or early December.

But the vaccine will still be delivered within the time frame recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and well before the usual height of the flu season, which typically peaks between late December and March, the company said.

Spokeswoman Patricia Tomskey said about one-third of the 50 million doses of FluZone have been distributed.

The CDC said that as of Oct. 6, a total 32 million doses of flu vaccine for children and adults had been distributed, and that 75 million doses are expected to be delivered by the end of October.

"We're still saying there's going to be plenty of vaccine available for October and November," CDC spokesman Curtis Allen said.

Tomskey said the children's vaccine is taking longer than expected to prepare in the laboratory.

Dr. Richard Lander of the American Academy of Pediatrics said the delay is significant because children should be vaccinated as early as possible.

"The longer the flu vaccine is in the body, the greater the chance the body can build up antibodies against the flu," said Lander, a New Jersey pediatrician and chairman of the AAP's section on administration and practice management.

Nevertheless, the AAP says that children "will still benefit greatly from receiving the vaccine into December, January and beyond."

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## KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

### Woman charged in stabbing

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**By Rex Hall Jr.**

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A Portage woman accused of stabbing a man Sunday after the two confronted one another in the 6200 block of Ivywood Drive was arraigned Monday on an assault charge, authorities said.

Sylvia M. Williams, 18, was charged with one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder during a hearing in Kalamazoo County District Court, Lt. Steve Clark of the Portage Police Department said.

She is scheduled to be back in court Oct. 25 for a preliminary examination, court officials said.

Police arrested Williams after responding at about 11:05 a.m. Sunday to a report that a person was injured and requesting to go to the hospital. At the scene, they found an 18-year-old Portage man. Police have said Williams and the man lived together.

The man, whose name has not been released, was treated at Bronson Methodist Hospital and released, authorities said.

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Livingston Briefs

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## **Vigil to commemorate spousal abuse victims**

For the 10th year, the Livingston Council Against Spouse Abuse, or LACASA, will hold a candlelight vigil on the lawn of the Livingston County Courthouse in downtown Howell at 7 tonight to remember those that have lost their lives to domestic violence and support survivors. Featured speakers this year include a survivor of domestic violence, Livingston County Prosecutor David Morse and music by the Howell High School Choir.

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## **Vigil shines light on domestic abuse**

The annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the lawn of the historical Livingston County Courthouse in Howell.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In recognition of the month, LACASA — Livingston County's nonprofit organization for survivors of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault — will hold its 10th annual candlelight vigil to raise public awareness and show support in the effort to end domestic violence.

For more information, call (517) 548-1350.

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## Up deadbeat limit

Remove technical, other snags to bagging hunters in arrears

### FLINT

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With computer technology that should be available, why is it so difficult to deny deer and other recreational licenses to deadbeat parents?

Lapeer County's Friend of the Court is among the latest in the state threatening those owing six or more months in child support with revocation of hunting, fishing and ORV licenses. But the process requires a hand-search of those records, when surely there should be a way for Friends of the Court and the state Department of Natural Resources to provide easy access to each other's information.

And the lack of computer technology isn't the only roadblock to applying this pressure on sportsmen who owe, as the law requires a seemingly inordinate safeguard for such scofflaws. "You have to give 21 days' notice (and) you have to get a court order," says Shiawassee County Friend of the Court Susan Thorman.

No wonder that a scant 300 of these recreational licenses have been revoked statewide this year out of a pool that must consist of many thousands. More than 3 million hunting, fishing and ORV permits were sold last year.

Such numbers suggest a tremendous opportunity to help children get the financial assistance they deserve. There's no justification for the state permitting people to invest in deer-hunting trips when they haven't taken care of their most fundamental obligations.

With much anecdotal evidence pointing to the effectiveness of such a license policy for sportsmen owing significant child support, the state should be making it far easier than it is to bag more of them.

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**A child is waiting**

## 12-year-old Bianca faces life's challenges with a sweet smile

**Rosemary Dorr / Special to The Detroit News**

A fifth-grader with a dream of becoming a nurse "to help people," Bianca is trying to help herself grow up.

"Bianca is eager to learn," says her foster father. "She asks a lot of questions and reads a lot."

Talkative and always on the go, the 12-year-old says school "is fun, pretty much. I like homework because it helps us learn. I like all subjects, really. I do best in spelling. I get good grades. Sometimes it's easy; sometimes it's hard."

Her foster mother praises Bianca's improvement. "When she came (a year ago), she had E's. Her progress report is good. A's and B's. She struggles with math, but is in a resource room for math."

She adds, "I'm amazed at Bianca's recall. She can recall things exactly. And she's usually good-natured. No more temper tantrums. She's smiling when nobody else is."

Says Bianca, smiling, "I like to watch TV -- all the shows on the Disney Channel. I play Monopoly sometimes. I collect dolls. And I always read before I go to bed."

Bianca wants a permanent family, yet is a little nervous about adoption. Her adoption worker hopes to find her a family, patient and flexible, that can provide stability and individual attention.

Please consider adoption and talk with Deanna Badiru at Lutheran Adoption Service, (248) 423-2770, ext. 1135.

**Last column's child:** Sports-loving Dekari, 10, is showing improvement in school. For information, call Regina Kirtz at Spaulding for Children, (248) 443-0300.

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## Steeler wins full custody

Pittsburgh's Larry Foote, who has a home in W. Bloomfield Twp., is awarded care of son.

**Mike Martindale / The Detroit News**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** -- An Oakland Circuit judge Monday awarded Pittsburgh Steeler Larry Foote Jr. full custody of his 10-year-old son.

Foote, a linebacker with the Super Bowl champion Steelers, filed earlier this year for custody of Trey'Veion Hammond. The boy's mother, Khalila Shanese Hammond of Inkster, who vowed to fight the action, did not show up for court Monday.

"She was notified of the hearing, knew of it, but for whatever reason, did not show up today," said Francis X. Bujold II, Foote's attorney.

"Larry is excited and thrilled by the judge's decision. All he wants is to care for the boy and provide him with everything he needs to grow and succeed," the Bloomfield Hills attorney said.

Judge Cheryl A. Matthews ordered full legal and physical custody of the boy to Foote, who sought full custody earlier this year because Hammond had threatened to take him.

Hammond could not be reached for comment. Under the order she will have "reasonable parenting time" with her son..

Foote splits his time between homes in Pittsburgh and West Bloomfield Township. Trey'Veion had been living with him for two years with occasional visitation with his mother. Under Monday's order, Foote will be permitted to move Trey'Veion's residence outside Michigan as needed to accommodate his job, but he must notify the Friend of the Court in writing of any change of address.

Foote didn't know he had a son until a couple years ago when a friend told him during training camp.

Bujold said Monday that Foote has developed a loving relationship with another woman, whom he did not identify, but said the pair plan to marry.

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## Youthful offenders posing new challenges

Juvenile offenders are coming into the county's justice system as young as 7 years old; diversion programs appear to be successful at preventing jail overcrowding.

By [Dennis Pelham](#)

Daily Telegram Staff Writer

ADRIAN — Jail diversion programs have saved a total of 9,118 days behind bars for local offenders this year, according to a Lenawee County Community Corrections annual report. But a committee that oversees the program was warned juvenile court is seeing a generation of offenders who are more difficult to deal with.

Juvenile offenders are now coming into the system as young as 7 years old, and many have grown up lacking any moral direction and with substance abuse problems that began before birth, said David Stanifer, Lenawee County Probate Court administrator.

"Our population is getting younger. We are being asked to address 7- and 8-year-olds," Stanifer told the committee. The problems juvenile justice officials are seeing are much more difficult to deal with than in the past, he said.

"Many of the kids who show up at our detention facility show up with a bag of medications," Stanifer said.

Some children have been affected by prenatal drug abuse and raised in homes with drug-addicted parents, he said.

Probate court has an intensive home therapy program, a drug and alcohol abuse program and other programs to help avoid placing youths in institutions that can cost \$400 per day, he said. Some, however, will certainly reach the adult justice system despite the efforts made at the juvenile level, he said.

Lenawee County's community corrections programs are showing success in keeping non-dangerous offenders from overcrowding the county jail and steering them away from being repeat offenders, said coordinator Al Navarro.

A report he submitted for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 showed thousands of days in jail being avoided by placing offenders in probation and treatment programs and in the county's weekend hard labor program.

The option of putting probation violators and other offenders into hard labor crews where they do maintenance work at fire stations, parks and other locations has saved 2,315 inmate days in jail, Navarro reported. Agencies and organizations that use the crews have contributed \$2,542.50 to the program during the year, he said. The 672 offenders who participated paid nearly \$14,000 in fees that support the program.

The day reporting probation program that requires offenders to check in each day, seek employment and job training, and be involved in treatment has taken 56 people out of jail for a total of 4,015 days, saving \$173,725 based on the average daily cost per inmate of running the jail.

Thirty men were taken out of jail and placed in a residential program in St. Joseph County, saving 2,681 days behind bars and \$115,230 in jail expenses. Three women were assigned to a residential program, saving 107 beds

and \$4,548.

Navarro said he and James Olsen, circuit court chief probation officer, attended a conference in Lansing in the past month where they learned about new options for dealing with offenders who are incarcerated while waiting for trial. Navarro said there is potential to make reductions in jail numbers with a project now in discussion with jail and probation officials.

District Judge James E. Sheridan said he and Judge Natalia M. Koselka are pursuing a new “staggered” sentencing system used successfully in Minnesota that puts more responsibility on drunken drivers and other offenders to succeed in treatment programs. He said the system involves judges giving maximum jail terms that are divided into shorter segments and scheduled to be served at intervals over probation. Offenders can avoid each trip to jail by filing a motion and providing proof they are in compliance with probation orders.

The disadvantage of the program is the potential to use more jail time, Sheridan said. But the experience where it was used in Minnesota shows offenders were actually spending fewer days behind bars, he said, because of the incentive to stay sober and behave in way to avoid jail.

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## Food to be given away

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**By George Jaksa**

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FLINT - Food will be given away beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday until supplies last at Court Street United Methodist Church, 225 W. Court St.

The giveaway is sponsored by the church and Crossover, Downtown Outreach Ministry.

- George Jaksa

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## United Way leader to step down

By [Cheryl Wade](#)

United Way of Midland County's executive director since 1990 will leave his post at year's end to lead creation of a call center that will connect people with human service help through an easy-to-remember phone number.

John Zimmerman, 58, will continue to be a United Way of Midland County employee but will work to develop a 22-county Michigan regional 2-1-1 call center that would be based in Midland County and serve residents from the Thumb to Cheboygan. He said United Way will seek other sources of money, including from foundations, to pay for his new position.

United Way board President Terrie Allemang said she is assembling a search committee to seek a new director. She said she'd love to have his successor in place by the start of 2007 but added that might not be realistic and her second choice of dates would be the United Way annual meeting in February.

Zimmerman makes his announcement in the midst of a campaign to raise \$4.5 million for United Way agencies.

"My first priority right now, and the first priority of everyone at United Way, is the successful completion of our annual campaign," he said in a news release.

Zimmerman will continue serving on the board of Michigan 2-1-1. In his new job, he hopes to develop partnerships with neighboring communities for a regional call center. The state has given \$100,000 in the current budget to work on a 2-1-1 program statewide, Zimmerman noted.

"As we look ahead to next year, we believe that this region needs to pursue opportunities for development of 2-1-1 services linking Michigan families with the health and human service programs they need," he said.

Allemang said Zimmerman's United Way experience will be a great asset as he begins to lead these new regional partnerships for a call center that would operate 24 hours a day. Michigan 2-1-1 is incorporated as a subsidiary of the Michigan Association of United Ways. The 2-1-1 business plan proposes statewide services – for people who need help or want to give it – through seven regional call centers. The plan for the regional call center is being developed using First Call for Help, a program that has linked people with human services agencies since August 2000, as a model.

Allemang, who's worked with Zimmerman since February, praised his work to raise money for community agencies.

"John is a very hard worker," she said. "As you watch him work in the community, it's very obvious from his every move that he takes great pride in the United Way organization. You never doubt that he has the best interest of United Way at heart."

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Safe house reunites mother, daughter  
Linda Jo Scott  
*The Enquirer*

Deneetria Eaddy frequently looks at the photos she took of her daughter opening gifts on Christmas Day 2002.

“That was the last Christmas we spent together. She got a lot of clothes,” said Deneetria, 39. “But we’ll be together this year.”

For the past four years, Deneetria lived at shelters such as SAFE Place and Gracious Homes in Battle Creek. And her daughter Crystal, now 18, had spent the four years in several Battle Creek foster homes.

Deneetria said she was using drugs and needed help. And when she heard about Gracious Homes, a residential safe house for women struggling to get their lives back on track, she decided to get help there.

Through the support of Gracious Homes and other programs, little by little, Deneetria was able to fulfill all of the steps. She completed her requirements from the program during the summer.

Among those requirements were, first of all, becoming drug free, which Deneetria did three years ago. She also had to undergo regular urine tests, go to court every three months and have successful visitations with her daughter.

By the close of this summer, Crystal and Deneetria finally got together and moved into their own home.

A quiet girl by nature, Crystal gets a sparkle in her eye when she talks about how it feels to be back with her mom.

“I just like to see her every day,” she said. “And I like having my own closet.”

*Linda Jo Scott is a freelance reporter.*

*Look for the complete story Wednesday in Neighbors and at battlecreekenquirer.com.*

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## At last, plan in works for agency's new home

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**By Nate Reens**

**The Grand Rapids Press**

GRAND RAPIDS -- In his first year as a Kent County commissioner, Jerry Kooiman took a role in stalled negotiations to replace the outdated building that houses the state's Department of Human Services.

Twelve years later, as the Grand Rapids Republican is leaving the state House of Representatives because of term limits, Kooiman can say a deal for a new facility is on the way.

"I'm pleased we're finally at this point," Kooiman said Monday. "It's been a couple of decades, but it looks like everything is in line at last."

The county's finance and physical resources committee is expected to approve a 20-year lease for the new \$27 million building at a meeting today. The lease and the county issuing bonds for construction will be discussed by the full board next week.

Roger Morgan, the board chairman, sees this deal ending years of frustration on the part of county and state legislators. The negotiations also involved the city and Grand Rapids Public Schools.

"There have been so many hurdles and hiccups along the way that there aren't a lot of words to describe what this means," said Morgan, a Republican from Rockford.

"It was important to keep this service in the city and where the constituents will use it. It's important for us to have a place we can be proud of."

The building will be at the site of the Sheldon Complex, at 121 Franklin St. SE. About

70 percent of the welfare and social service agency's clients live on the Southeast Side.

The center, which would replace the cramped 415 Franklin St. SE building, will be a one-stop spot for food stamps, cash assistance, job training and health care.

Kooiman expects the three-story, 126,000-square-foot building to open in 2008. At the end of the state's 20-year lease, the building will be paid for and the agency will have an option for two five-year extensions.

The state will occupy roughly 80 percent of the structure. The county health clinic and job-training program will take up the rest.

Morgan credits Kooiman for bringing the deal to an end. Kooiman's stint on the county board let him see the issue from both sides, Morgan said.

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## Proposed new location for Kent Co. DHS

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**GRAND RAPIDS** -- The Kent County Department of Human Services may soon have a new home.

State, county and Grand Rapids officials have come to an agreement for a new site.

The organization's current home is at Franklin and Madison SE.

The new DHS will cover three locations at Franklin and Jefferson, which is where the current Sheldon Complex is located. It will also house a public health clinic, as well as an employment and training office.

The Kent County Finance Committee will discuss the proposed location on Tuesday. If the site receives approval, the Board of Commissioners will have its final vote October 26.



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### **DHS Family Resource Centers in Saginaw County help increase academic performance and parental involvement**

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**October 17, 2006**

SAGINAW –The Michigan Department of Human Services has found that at-risk schools with Family Resource Centers met adequate yearly progress goals at a much higher rate than those without Family Resource Centers. In the 2004-05 school year, 40 percent of schools that had previously failed to meet adequate yearly progress and included Family Resource Centers as part of their school improvement plans made enough progress to move off the priority schools list, compared to 10 percent of the schools without a Family Resource Center.

There are Family Resource Centers located in three Saginaw County schools – Heavenrich Elementary School, C.F. Brunkow Elementary School and Ricker Middle School. Both Heavenrich and Brunkow met adequate yearly progress in the 2005-06 school year. Ricker, which houses the newest Family Resource Center, did not meet adequate yearly progress. DHS is using the successful Family Resource Center models developed at Heavenrich and Brunkow to help Ricker meet adequate yearly progress.

“Family Resource Centers are a key element in our commitment to providing a quality education to every child in Michigan,” said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. “By providing families with the services they need in a familiar, comfortable setting, these centers help ensure that students can succeed in the classroom.”

Family Resource Centers have been operating in selected elementary and middle schools for the past two years. State and local agencies provide child and family services at the centers in the school building. The Michigan Department of Human Services has located staff in all of the state’s Family Resource Centers.

The presence of Family Resource Centers in schools helps transform at-risk schools so that schools can focus on instruction and meet standardized guidelines. In addition to improvement in adequate yearly progress last school year, families in these schools made improvements in other areas thanks to the presence of Family Resource Centers. Each month, more than 1,000 people are helped by Family Resource Centers in Saginaw. Sixty-two percent of students in families served have improved their academic performance, and 72 percent have improved their school attendance.

“Our staff members and community partners act as central coordination points for families with children in the schools,” Marianne Udow, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, said. “This early intervention gets results for families and prevents longer term consequences for children and families.”

Site selection was based upon need – participating educational institutions are priority schools with more than half of their students qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

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“We know that where we have struggling schools, there are also struggling communities and families,” Mike Flannagan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said. “These centers have cut through the bureaucracy to find better ways to serve Michigan’s children and their families.”

The work that Department of Human Services family resource specialists do in the Family Resource Centers each day has a profound effect on the lives of the children in those schools.

For example, a client at Ricker Middle School in Saginaw was referred to the family resource center in that school because her son had poor attendance and grades and was considered to be the “school bully.” The family resource specialist at Ricker intervened between the two boys and brought them together to work out their differences, resulting in the boys eventually becoming best friends. In addition to the bullying being brought to a halt, the boy also improved both his attendance and his grades after working with the family resource specialist at his school.

For more information about Family Resource Centers or to view a current listing of where Family Resource Centers in Michigan are located, visit the DHS Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs)

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### **Michigan Department of Human Services Summarily Suspends the Day Care Center License License Number DC820078400 of Childtime Child Care, Inc.**

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**October 16, 2006**

The Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Children and Adult Licensing issued an order of summary suspension and notice of intent to revoke the license of Wayne County day care center licensee Childtime Child Care, Inc., 45678 Helm, Plymouth, Michigan. This action resulted from a recent investigation of a complaint of the day care center.

The October 12, 2006, complaint investigation found violations of the Child Care Organizations Act and administrative rules regarding the licensee and persons required to report child abuse or neglect. OCAL took emergency action to protect the health, welfare, and safety of children.

Effective 6:00 p.m., October 16, 2006, the Summary Suspension Order prohibits Childtime Child Care, Inc. from operating a day care center at 45678 Helm, Plymouth, Michigan. Accordingly, they may not accept children for care after that date and time. The order also requires Ms. Andrea Stutz, the licensee designee, assure that all of the parents of children in the center's care are notified that the license has been suspended and that the center can no longer provide day care.

Childtime Child Care, Inc. has held a license to operate a day care center since September 25, 1997. The license was for 148 children.

Michigan law defines a child day care center as a "facility, other than a private residence, receiving 1 or more preschool or school-age children for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, and where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care center or day care center includes a facility that provides care for not less than 2 consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in center..."

For more information, consult DHS Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs).